BIRTH OF THE NEW YEAR.

THE DAY FOR VISITS AND RESOLUTIONS.

FASHIONABLE POOPLE NOT TO RECEIVE CALLENS TO A GREAT EXTENT. One of the most welcome of all the days of the year—the day for good wishes and good resolu-tions, the day for the dedicating of new diaries and

the discarding of old hats-was usbered in last midnight by the ringing of chimes, the blowing of whistles, and other noises whose cchoes had hardly died away when THE TRIBUNE went to press. The "new face at the door" bears a good deal of resemblance to the one that appeared a year ago. Indications point to quiet observance of the holiday, as there will be little to distract people from the comforts of home.

The average man will rest, read, eat a good dinner and probably call on a few friends where he feels sure of a warm welome. The structure of the city's government will be changed from the shoulders of one zet of men to those of snother with quiet ceremony. Workers in the Custom House, Sub-Treasury, Post Office and other Government offices will be given a day's respite from the routine of labor. The Custom House will be open from 9 to 10 a. m. for the clearance of vessels. The thoughtfulness of or-ganized charity will also make it certain that no one in the jails, almshouses, asylums and other fustitutions will lack a good dinner. Mayor Franklin Edson will receive calls at his office in the City Hall from the heads of the different bureaus and others who care to meet him. The new Board of Aldermen will meet at noon and elect a president, clerk and sergeant-at-arms and will then adjourn. The Board of Coroners will also meet and organize. Mayor Low will receive calls at the Brooklyn City Hall.

Most of the theatres will give matiness. The distinctive feature of the day will be the bservance of the "good old custom" of making calls. Between those who deprecate and those who advocate the following of the observance it is probable that there will be a sensible honoring of the institution of New Year's calls, and the day will not differ in this particular very much from its later predecessors. People who wish to cross the East River to see their friends will not drive over the suspension bridge in accordance with the expectations of last New Year's Day. The majority of the most fashionable people in the city still tabon New Year's calling as they have for several years. But a good-sized minority will refuse to honor the custom in the breach, and there will be many well-known houses in fashionable quarters open, some of them for the first time in several years. Thus there will seem to be opportunity for the young man who wishes to "sow in the morn" his New Year card, and "at eve hold not his hand." Clergymen will very generally be at home to all who wish to see them. Everyone of conservative and refined tastes now discountenances the indiscrimmate entertaining of hosts of men, bent on frolic and wine-drinking, who drive from house to house, following apparently no other guide than a printed list of op n houses cut from some newspaper. But as a day for the quiet entertaining of friends who have few other days free for visiting, for renewing old acquaintances and exchanging kind greetings, wishes and gifts, to-day will un doubtedly have no cause to be jealous of its pred-

ecessors in the amount of honor it receives. The sale of New Year's cards has been larger than

last year. A livery-stable keeper, who was asked about the demand for carriages to make calls in to-day, replied that it was hardly as heavy as last year. The backs are usually engaged a day or two ahead. Possibly the men who intended to call expected fine weather which would make carriages less of a necessity. It may interest the ladies to know lessof a necessity. It may intorest the ladies to know that a young man must pay for a day's use of a coupé and driver, \$20; for a carriage, \$25, and for a "small turnout" with footman, \$35. He may use the carriage until midnight at these prices. A pretty custom for those who can afford it is the sending of bonquets and baskets of flowers to friends, and the florists have anticipated this demand by getting an extra supply of their fragrant wares. Among the first callers of the day will be the greeer-boy, who will pay his respects to the cook; after which the epidemic of bowing, scraping and complimenting will extend through all the strate of scelety. So many houses in the best society will be open that it would be an endless task to enumerate them, even if the people were not averse to the information's being spread beyond the circle reached by their cards. There will be many parties in the country. A party of young people, chaperoned by Mrs. Francis White, will spend the day at the Rockaway Hunt Club House at Far Rockaway. Another will enjoy Mrs. Elliort C. Cowdin's hospitality at Mount Kisco. Mrs. Livingston's West Point home will receive a small party, and Mrs. Hamilton Fish, Jr., will entertain a few friends at Garrison. William Butler Duncan will entertain a large company at his staten Island house, a dance being the enjoyment of the evening. Other country parties are given by Mrs. Leavitt at Mount Kisco, Mrs. Francis, at her New Jersey home, and Mrs. Wotherspoon on Staten Island.

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It has would receive calls to-day at No. 124 flicks-st., from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. He thought are hours long enough; if anyone believed otherwise he wished that they would try it. While he would welcome all who came to see him, he particularly invited the poor, and those who needed aympathy and succor. He desired on the first day of the year to help all who wanted help, and to all who wanted to see him his house was open.

Postmasted Pearson prepared for handling an unusually heavy mail for New Year's, and he was not disuppointed. The superintendent of the city delivery said last night that though the number of let ars greatly exceeded that of any previous year, nevertheless everything had moved with perfect system, so that there had been no complaints and no interference with the regular heavy business. The size of the envelopes in which the New Year's cards was sent were a source of annoyance to the clerks who handled them. The stampers were sometimes obliged to obliterate some of the address in cancelling the stamp and properly marking the letter. The employes have a boliday after 10 o'clock to-nay, and everybody was good-natured last night and kitlemelined to grunble at the extra work. The carriers' delivery is to be at 8 o'clock only, but letters and mail matter can be had at the carriers' window until 10 a.m.

The Chinese Sunday-school of the Seventh Street Methodist Episcopal Church held its New Year's festival yesterday afternoon. There were also recitations in Chinese and English and addresses by the clercymen present. The school has an average attendance of eighteen members and has been open for three years. The organ was played by Miss Mary

Thousands of people came down town in evening to hear the chines of Frinity, and to we come the new year under the shadow of the

WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES IN CHURCHES.

The death of the old year and the birth of the new was observed by a "Miserere" and "Gioria" at the Church of St. Francis Kavier, in West Sixteenth-st. The church was brilliantly lighted and a congregation was present that flited the editice to its utmost capacity. At 8 o'olock, a long procession of seoiyes, clad in white robes and bearing lighted candles, entered from the sacristy chaning "O, quanto qualia." They were followed by the priests of the Jesuit Society attached to the church and the Coadjutor Archbishop. The procession entered the sanctuary and took their station before the high altar. The unused of the processional was composed in the thirteenth century by some now unknown author and is one of a collection of ancient pieces in the possession of the Society of Jesus. The "Adeste" and "Jesus Dulcis" were then sung by the choir. This was followed by the "Memoria" and then came the "Miseree," The music of the "Miseree," The music of the "Miseree," died away all the candles on the altar were lighted, and with a burst of joyful music irom the choir and organ the words "Te Deum Laudamus" rang through the church. The music of the "Pe Deum" was by Dr. Witt. The music of the "Pe Deum" was by Dr. Witt. The music of the "Pe Deum" was by Dr. Witt. The "Quantum Ergo" was sung at the close of the "To Deum," and "Magnum Nomen Dominis" as a recessional. WATCH-NIGHT SERVICES IN CHURCHES.

FOREIGN NEWS.

CURRENT TOPICS IN DISTANT CAPITALS. MARM FELT REGARDING GAMBETTA-THE CUBAN REFUGEES-IRISH AFFAIRS-A FAILURE.

There was a change for the worse in the condition of M. Gambetta last evening, and at 1 o'clock this morning it was feared that a crisis was coming. Maceo, one of the Cuban refugees, has written a letter protesting against the manner in which he was arrested. Speeches of a somewhat incendiary character were delivered yesterday at a meeting of Irish Nationalists in Bray. Mr. O'Brien, the Dublin Editor, will be arcalgned for seditious libel to-day. The failure a London and Liverpool firm of shipowners, pose liabilities are placed at £300,000, is

monneed.

M. GAMBETTA DYING. M. Gambetta passed a good night last night, but is suffering from fatigue arising from confinent to bed for so long a time. The exterior inflamation shows a tendency to disappear; neverthes, an operation is believed to be necessary, and it Il probably be performed to-morrow.

Later .- Dr. Lannelongue, who left M. Gambetta 7 o'clock this evening, was recalled at 9 o'clock, quange for the worse having occurred.

PARIS, Jan. 1 .- At 1 o'clock this morning M. 31 mbetta was much' worse, and an imminent crisis

LONDON, Jan. 1 .- A dispatch to The Times from Paris, dated 2:30 o'clock this morning, reports despairing friends, and his state is helpless and bopeless.

THE SUICIDE OF COUNT VON WIMPFFEN. Paris. Dec. 31 .- Count von Wimpffen, the Austro-Haugarian Ambassador here, who committed suicide yesterday, partook of an early breakfast yesterday morning, and then leaving his house, said he would return for luncheon, Count Zichy, Secretary, and Colonel Bonn, military attaché to the Austro-Hungarian Embassy, broke the news of the terrible deed to Countess von Wimnifen, Lately the most trifling annovances occusioned the Ambassador the utmost divress. On Thursday last he tore up a diplomatic dispatch beeause a comma had been omitted. His body lies in the grand saloon of the building occupied by the the grand saloon of the building occupied by the Earb say. All traces of the wound are concealed, and the expression of the face is caim and peaceful. Vienna. Dec. 31.—The suicide of Count von Wianffen has caused great consternation here. Snortly, before his death he addressed a letter to Count Kainoky, the imperial Minister of Foreign Adairs. The letter is now on the way here, and row perhaps furnish a clue to the cerebral disorder the which the Count was afflicted. The deceased an had no professional tronoies.

The condemnation of M. Bontoux, president of the non Générale, with whom the Count had bad emiary relations, was one of the latter's princi- it troubles.

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Becaux, Dec. 31.—The death of Count von

A MEETING OF IRISH NATIONALISTS.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31 .- A National League meeting was held in Bray to-day, at which Mr. Corbett, member of Parli ment, presided. Mr. Corbett said that nobody need hesitate to join the League, as Mr. Trevelyan, Chief Secretary for Ireland, admitted that it was a legal organization. Mr. Lalor, member of Parliament for County

Queens, and Mr. Harringson, Secretary of the Orconizing Committee of the National League, addressed the meeting. Mr. Lalor said he was glad to observe that the assembly was mainly composed of fighting-mgu, by whom he always liked to be surrounded. Ie was certain they knew the day might come when they should have to use that force by which every other country had obtained freedom. He urged organization, if possible, in open day. Mr. Harrington said he would show the overnment that it could not intimidate him. He as willing to go to jail, where he could study the siblen whether Irish politics should be carried on upon the platform of in some other place. He had a shrewd opinion as to the conclusion at which he

A DEFENCE OF THE CUBAN REFUGEES. MADRID, Dec. 31 .- La Tribuna publishes a letter from the Cuban refugee Maceo in which he protests against his imprisonment at Centa, denying that is now a political prisoner. Maceo relates the circumstances attending his arrest in Cuba. He alleges that he stipulated with the Spanish neral, in the presence of the English and French Consuls, that he and his companions should be pardoned on condition of their voluntary exile to Jamaica. Accordingly, they embarked on board an English steamer but the vessel was stopped when four miles from land by two Spanish gunboats and the Cubans were forcibly conveyed to Porto Rico and afterward to the Shaffarine Islands off Morocco With reference to his surrender by the British et Gibraltar, Macco affirms that the Spanish Consul asked the English police to arrest certain convists who had escaped from Centa. He protests against this violation of the extradition treaty of 1871. pardoned on condition of their voluntary exile to

THE PROSECUTION OF MR. O'BRIEN.

DUBLIN, Dec. 31 .- Mr. O'Brien, Editor of The United Ireland, who is to be arraigned to-morrow on charge of seditious libel, based on an article nub Ashed in that journal denouncing the conviction of the Lough Mask murderers and the recent executions, has had 236 witnesses summoned for the de fonce, including Mr. Jenkinson, Director of the Oriminal Investigation Department, the Chief Superintendent of Detectives, Crown Solicitor, and nearly all the special jurors in the Lough Mask mur-

In a speech at a meeting in Mallow to-day Mr O'Brien, who was accompanied by Messrs. Healy and Sexton, said he would justify the article printed in The United Ireland, and prove that the pri-oners in the murder trials had been convicted by packed

HEAVY FAILURE OF SHIP-OWNERS. LONDON, Dec. 31 .- Francis Carvill & Son. mer chants and ship-owners of No. 126 Gresham House Cld Broad-st., London, also of Liverpool, have fail-ed. Their liabilities amount to £300,000.

RUSSELL STURGIS RETIRES. LONDON, Jan. 1 .- Baring Brothers & Co. to-day announce that the senior partner, Russell Sturgis, retires from active commercial pursuits. The busi-ness will be carried on by the remaining partners.

THE SUNDAY LAWS IN ONTARIO. TORONTO, Dec. 31 .- in the Court of Queen's Bench yesterday it was unanimously decided that there is no restriction in this Province on the carrying of passengers by land or water on Sunday, over ruling a decision of thirty years ago, under which it has been held illegal for ferryboats to ply on that

A SMALL RIOT IN CORK. CORK, Dec. 31 .- A detachment of soldiers from foreign service landed here Saturday evening. They were insulted by drunken civilans, and a short condict ensued, during which the soldiers defended themselves with knives.

AFGHANISTAN AND PERSIA.

TEHERAN, Dec. 31 .- A letter from Meshed, ated the 18th inst., states that Afghanistan having deanded the extradition of Ahmed Khan, formerly for of Tash, who took refuge on Persian territory Ameer of Kueen, who assisted in Ahmed Khan' escape, has been ordered to surrender him to the Alghans. It is stated that the Alghan Government had proops in readiness to march into Seistan and seize

NOVA SCOTIA MARINE LOSSES. HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 31 .- The past year has been one of great dizaster to the shipping of Nova beens. The business of the Hailfax Marine Associations during the twelve months just ended has been among the most unprofitable of recent years.

LONDON, Monday, Jan. 1, 1883. The river Rhine has ceased to rise. At Mayence the waters of the Upper Rhine and the Maine have com-Earl Spencer, Lord-Lieutenant, attended service yes

terday in Dublin, in Christ Church Chapel, which has The Porte is endeavoring to effect a reconciliation be tween Aleko Pacha, Governor-General of Eastern Roumelia, and M. Krabel, the acting Russian Consul-General at Philippopolis, with whom Aleko Pacha has broken off

ferring to the obituary record of the year said: "A year which has witnessed the disappearance of Charles Darwin from the ranks of science; Tait and Pusey from the Church, and Longfellow, Rossetti and Trollope from literature, has certainly levied tributes from us with none too sparing a hand."

THE FIRE RECORD.

LOSS OF \$600,000 AT MILWAUKEE. MILWAUKEE, Dec. 31 .- Early this morning fire broke out in Friend Brothers' wholesale clothing establishment. It originated in the basement from either an overheated or defective furnace, and worked its way up through the elevator. The interior of the building was burned out, destroying the immense stock. Friend Brothers' loss figures up \$500,000; insured as follows: On building-Phonix of London, \$6,000; Phænix, of New-York, \$10,000; Union, of Philadelphia. \$5,000; Girard, of Philadelphia, \$2,500; German-American, of New-York, \$2,500; Rhode Island, of Providence, \$5,000; Pennsylvania, of Philadelphia, \$5,000; Western, of Toronto, \$5,000, and \$30,000 in other companies. On stoca--London and Lancashire, of England, \$5,000; National, of Hartford, \$2,500; New-Hampshire, of New-Hampshire, \$2,500; Pennsylvania, of Philadelphia, \$3,000; National, of Hartford, \$3,000; Insurance Company of North America, \$5,000; Detroit, of Detroit, \$2,500; Howard, of New-York, \$5,000; Union, of Philadelphia, \$3,000; Citizens', of New-York, \$5,000; Metropole, of France, \$5,000; New-York Alliance, \$5,000; Boylston of Boston, \$5,000; Irving, of New-York, \$2,500; Pho nix, of London, \$3,500; Hanover, of New-York, \$5,000; American, of New-York, \$5,000; London Association, \$5,000; Fire Association, of Philadelphia, \$5,000; Commercial Union, of England, \$5,000; American, of Philadelphia of New-York, \$5,000; Merchants', of Newark, \$5,000; Manufacturers', of Boston, \$5.000; Continental, of Ne a York, \$5,000; Union, of Palladelphia, \$2,500; Crinton of New-York, \$2,500; Lamar, of New-York, \$2,500 Manhattan, of New-York, \$5,000; Home, of New-York \$5,000; Firemen's of Newark, \$5,000; Phoenix, of Hart-\$5,000; Firemen's of Newark, \$5,000; Phemix, of Hartford, \$5,000; Niagara, of New-York, \$2,500; Germania, of New-York, \$3,000; Boylaton, of Boston, \$5,000; Norwich Union, of England, \$5,000; Imperial Northern, of England, \$2,500; Fire Association of Philacelonia, \$2,500; Insurance Company of Pennaylvania, \$5,000; Commercial Union, of England, \$2,500; Mercantile and Marine, of Boston, \$5,000; Lion, of London, \$2,500; American, of Boston, \$5,000; Firemen's Fund, of California, \$2,000; Norto British and Mercantile, of England, \$2,500; Pagenix, of London, \$2,000; Commonwealth, of Boston, \$2,500; Westchester, of New-York, \$3,500; North British and Mercantile, \$2,500; Lumberman's, of Philadelphia, \$2,500; Meschester, of New-York, \$3,500; North British and Mercantile, \$2,500; Commonwealth, of Boston, \$2,500; Na Jonal, or New-York, \$3,500; North British and Mercantile, \$2,500; Commonwealth, of Boston, \$2,500; Na Jonal, or New-York, \$3,500; North British and Mercantile, \$2,500; German American, of New-York, \$10,000; Laneassifire, of England, \$7,500; People's, of Newark, \$2,500; Rhode Island, of Providence, \$2,500; British American, of Canada, \$2,500; Star, of New-York, \$2,500; Rhode Island, of Providence, \$2,500; British American, of Canada, \$2,500; Guest, Martine, of London and Luccashire, of England, \$3,000; Queen, of England, \$5,000; Imperial, of London, \$5,000; Gler's Fails, of New-York, \$2,500; Royal, of England, \$10,000; Lording, of New-York, \$2,500; Royal, of England, \$10,000; Merchantis and Tradeics, of New-York, \$2,000; Merchantis and Tradeics, of New-York, \$2,000; American, of New-York, \$2,000; and Firemen's, of Newark, \$2,000; Merchantis and Tradeics, of New-York, \$2,000; The adjunctor of Landane, of Mew-York, \$2,000; Merchantis and Tradeics, of New-York, \$2,000; The adjunctor of Landane, of Mew-York, \$2,000; The adjunctor of Landane, of Mew-Yo ford, \$5,000; Niagara, of New-York, \$2,500; Ger American, of New-York, \$5,000; and Firemen's, of Newark, \$2,000.

The adjoining firms of Landauer & Co., wholesale dry goods and notions, and Siraw, Edsworth & Co., wholesale hatters, suffered to the extent of \$100,000, making the total loss \$600,000. Three hundred tailors working in outside shops for Friend Brothers are thrown out of employment.

DRY GOODS LITTLE DAMAGED. Boston, Dec. 31 .- The dry goods stock of A. Lawrence & Co., stored in the building in Pearles.

DESTRUCTION IN NEWARK. A fire broke out at 11 o'clock last night in L. Boyden & Co.'s shoe store, on Market-st., Newark, on the third floor, and spread to the fourth floor. The fire was burning at midnight, but was under control. The lors is estimated at \$15,000 or \$20,000,

FLAMES IN SIXTH-AVE.

Fire was discovered yesterday morning in be store No. 645 Sixth-ave. One-balf of the store was occupied by Whitam Henderson, shirt-maker, and the other by C. P. Blum, a jeweller. Henderson's damage was \$1,500 and Blum's \$1,000, and the building, which was owned by Mrs. Gaynor, of No. 103 East Sixtlethest., was damaged \$500.

THE CONNECTICUT GOVERNORSHIP.

HARTFORD, Dec. 31 .- William H. Bulkeley publican candidate for Governor of Connection the State election, has written a letter to Charles J Cole, chalrings of the State Republican Committee, re fusing under any circumstances to accept the Governo ship in case the Democratic black ballots of New Haver should be rejected. The letter is dated at Hartford, December 31, and is as follows :

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My attention having been called to the various discussions which have appeared in the public prints relating to "biack ballots," so-called, I desire to say for myself that, under the circumstances, no matter what doubts may exist in recard to the legal election of Governor Waiter, I do not entertain, and have not for one motion entertained, the toes that it would be possible for me to hold the office of Governor under the existing circumstances, no matter what the General Assembly may so or declare, and any action they may take must be with the knowledge that in to event will I serve, or take the position which I believe it was the intent of the electors to give to another. take the position which I believe the electors to give to another.

The law of which the black battots declared filegal by Chief Justice Park are a violation, was originated by the Democrats, who claimed that it would be a protec ion to the laboring men against attempts by employer to coerce them. The opinion is quite general among lawyers here that the black ballots are technically illegal. The Democrats claim that the Republican ballots, which had a nerrow border around the names, were also diegal. These were, however, submitted to high legal and judicial authority before the election and were declared legal. To letter of General Bulkeley will probably prevent any controversy in the Legislature over the matter.

ALLEGED CURE THROUGH PRAYER.

Bosron, Dec. 31.-Ehzabeth Lambert, age thirty, itving in Cambridgeport, who has been bed-ridden, entirely unable to walk, with disease of the spine and other affections, for seventeen years, is alleged to have been instantaneously cured through the menium of prayer. After she had uttered her prayer she at once made an effort and found she could walk and suffered no pain. Within a few days, however, ahe fell while crossing the room and injured one of her legs, but she has continued to walk daily, though in a limping man-ner.

TO BECOME INDEPENDENT.

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 31 .- The Louisville Com nercial, for thirteen years a prominent Republican strictly independent of all political parties. It will be reduced in size and modelled after the Esstern two-cent journals, at which price it will be sold. The changes in the staff are not yet announced.

THE TOBACCO INTERESTS.

HARTFORD, CONN., Dec. 31-The committee appointed at the recent Tobacco Growers' Convention. in this city met on Saturday and drafted a memorial to Congress asking for a duty of \$1 a pound on foreign tobacco, excepting Cuban, and for a modification of in-ternal revenue tax on manufactured tobacco. The memorial will be presented to the actourned convention on the second Tuesday of January for approval.

SHOT DEAD BY HIS BROTHER.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 31.-Nelson Raymond, sixteen years old, th-day shot and instantly killed his brother Joseph, ten years old, while playing with a revolver. The boys were less than three feet apart. The builet passed through Joseph's heart.

THE CREEK WAR ENDED.

St. Louis, Dec. 31.-Latest advices from the Indian Territory are that Eplochee's forces have disbanded and that the trouble is over for the present at least. Part of the band retreated to the reservation of least. Part of the band retreated to the reservation of least. Sac and Fox Indians, but they are now scattered and not likely to come together again. Chicosec's force have returned to Okmulkee, with the exception of a few scouts, who are still on the Western border.

RAILROAD INTELLIGENCE.

A ROAD LOSING CUSTOMERS.

BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Boston, Dec. 31 .- The residents of Dedham doing business in Boston are dissatisfied with the new passenger tariff recently adopted by the Boston and Prov railroad officials in vain over 400 of the regular passengers will, on Monday morning, buy season tickets over the New-York and New England Railway. The latter road will bring the passengers nearer to the business centre of the city, and it is believed that few, if any, of those gentlemen will return to the Buston and Provi-

LITIGATION IN OHIO. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 31 .- The old fight between the Baltimore and Ohio and Pan Handle Railways over thirty miles of joint track between this city and was renewed yesterday by the former making an affidavit that the injunction of last August had been violated by the latter in refusing to pay their proportion of salaries and interfering with the management of the road and trains. The Court Issued an order, returnable on January 8, to show cause for the procedure and why they should not be held in contempt.

A GENERAL FIGHT AMONG ACTORS.

A free fight in which several actors were engaged took place yesterday afternoon in the office of the Morton House, at Fourteenth-st. and Broadway, and resulted in the arrest of George W. Morton, an English actor, who was locked up in the Mercer Street Station. Morton and Osmond Tearle, of Wallack's Theatre, arrived in this city yesterday morning by a European steamer and went together to the Morton House. In the office was a group of men talking loudly. As they passed them Morton, who was innamed Abbott, of Emmett's company, took offence. The next moment they clinched and were rolling about the floor of the lobby. Others took part in the tight, and several eyes were blackened and heads bruised. The police were finally called on, and Morton, Tearle and Abbott were arrested and taken to the Mercer Street Station. They were all discharged, however, except Morton, who was locked up over night on the charge of intexication and disorderly conduct.

THROWN FROM A CARRIAGE AND KILLED.

William H. Nafew, of No. 21 East Seventyfourth-st., received fatal injuries on Thursday last. On that day, while driving, the horses became frightened and Mr. Nafew was thrown from the carriage at Madison ave, and Seventy-fifth-st. He was taken hone, where it was ascertain d that bis skull had been fractured. He lingered till Sa'urday when he died. He was seventy-one years of age. when he died. He was seventy-one years of age and was well known in the business circles of thi

SEEKING DEATH ON THE ELEVATED ROAD

A woman who gave her name as Catharine Kipterday, by throwing berself from the platform of the Elevated Railway station at Fulton-st., in front of a moving train. Ever since the tragic fate of Julia Aldhons the employes of the Elevated Railway Althons the employes of the Elevated Railway have been on the alert to prevent the repetition of such an act. The woman yesterday surang to the edge of the platform as a train approached, and had thrown herself over the edge, when her crothing was seized by two of the platform men. She was pulled back just as the train ran by. It was the narrowest possible escape from serious injury and perhaps death.

Officer Smith, of the First Precinct Police, was called to take charge of the woman. He found a telegram upon her bearing the initials "C. K." stating that the person sending it would not return as asual. The woman said that be reishand had deserted her and bad gone away with snother woman. She felt that she could not arrive the shame and hence wanted to die. She begged to be

woman. She left that she could not arrive the shame and hence wanted to die. She bagged to be released and allowed to and her existence.

The woman was taken to the New Street Police Station. Captain Caffrey desired that the facts in the case should not be made public. All information concerning it was refused at his station. The woman is a native of England but has hved in Brooklyn for some time. She appeared to be thirty five or forty is a native of England but has lived in Brooklyn for some time. She appeared to be thirty-five or forty years of age. She was neatly and tastefully dressed and evidently belonging to the better class of society. Her husband is engaged in business down lown and it is said that he is known to Capitain Caffrey of the First Precinct Police Station. The case is surrounded with mystery. The general impression a mong the railway officials is that the woman had been crazed by jealousy and she believed that the telegram she had received from her husband was a full confirmation of her susticions. The woman will be taken to the Tombs Police Court today. The attempted suicide created much exciteday. The attempted suicide created much excitement at the Fulton Street Station, occurring as it did at a time when the place was crowded with

CASES OF SUDDEN DEATHS.

Mary Hennessy, age fifty, of No. 341 East Forty-first-street, died suddenly on Saturday night, and was attended by Dr. McGuire, of No. 689 Second ave., who refused to give a death certificate.

Dexter H. Noyes dropped dead in a restaurant at No. A man dropped dead at Pearl and Chathamats, vester

lay. There was nothing in his pockets to indicate his name. He was fifty-five years old, had light complex on, sandy hatr, moustache and whiskers. He had dark clothes, luced shoes, woulden socks and black hat. Miss Mary G. Thomas, age twenty-eight, who was

risiting Mrs. Anna Brett, of No. 805 second ave., was ound dead in her bed yesterday morning by Mrs. sating option for ten years, and on Saturday night she took an overclose, which proved farat. Her brother in tended to come to the city this week, to place her in m asylum.

John Hogan, age thirty, was arrested in the Eighteenth
Precinct on Saturday night for intoxication, and wails
sitting in the back room of the stadon waiting for an
ambulance he died. He lived at No. 415 East Pif-

teenth-st.

Patrick H. Larkin, age sixty-five, of No. 140 West Twenty-second st., dropped dead in a chair at his home on Saturday from heart disease.

Mrs. Mary Byron, age sixty, of No. 203 East Thirty-seventh-st, died on Friday from gastritis following indicestion caused by eating biscuits baked by herself. A specimen was taken to the coroner's office, and as one of the coroner said. "It was as hard as a baked brick."

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Honora Moore, age seventeen, of No. 73 Jackson-st., and slichnel Holahan, age forty five, of Seventy-third-st. and Avente-A, died suddenly yesterday.

THREE COURTS OF THE SAME OPINION.

After a litigation extending over more than ight years, the Court of Appeals, by a decision handed down last Wednesday, made a final disposition of the suit of Mcs. Summer A. Mason against her mother, Lydia C. Libbey. The judgment of the Special and General Terms in favor of Mrs. Libbey is sustained by the Court of Ap peals. Mrs. Mason is the wife of Dr. Sumner A. Mason, of this city. She sued her mother to recover property real and personal, which, she claimed, her mother held the cause was brought has sustained Mrs. Libber's defense—that the property belonged to her and that she purchased it with her own means. The most of the purchased it with her own means. The most of the property involved consists of Brooklyn real estate, worth about \$50,000. The principal point under discussion before the Court of Appeals was as to the correctness of Justice Van Vorst's ruing at Special Term, in refusing to allow the admission into evidence of the contents of a letter discussion before the contents of a to allow the admission into evidence of the contents of a letter alleged to have been received by Dr. Mason from Mrs. Libbey. The Court of Appeals decided (1) that the contents of the letter were not fully stated before it was offered in evidence and (2) that the question whether any such letter was received at all, was one of fact not reviewable in that court. reviewable in that court. Edwards & Odell and Samuel Hand appeared for Mrs. Mason; Chauncoy B. Ripley and Stephen P. Nash for Mrs. Libbey.

STABBED IN THE ABDOMEN.

A probable murder occurred in the lodging house No. 54 Mulberry-st. last night. Two Italians, named Joseph Stabel and Michael Batemark, quarreiled, when the former drew a large dagger from his pocket and plunged it into Batemark's abdomen. The wounded man was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital, where his injuries are considered very serious. His assoliant escaped. The knife was handed over to the police of the Sixth Predict by another Italian named Joseph Rich, who claims that he wrested it from Stabel, but said he could give no account of the origin of the difficulty.

IRON FOUNDRY TO BE SOLD.

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 31 .- Starr's extensive ron foundry, located here, is soon to be sold at Master's

THE "LOBBY" FIGHTING AGAINST CHAPIN.

THE OLD CANAL RING CONTRACTORS OPPOSED TO HIM-WHAT THE PRIENDS OF THE OTHER CAN-DATES SAY.

IBT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- The millenuial period has not arrived. Those here who thought it had, when Democratic members of the Assembly seemed about to elect by a unanimous vote as their Speaker a man of trreproachable character, have revised their opinion. There is to be no such union of the worst and the best men in the Democratic party upon one man as Speaker; and Alfred C. Chapin, who it seemed likely, yesterday, was to receive such a phenomenal compliment, is not, apparently, to have it bestowed upon him. His election as Speaker will be stoutly opposed in the Democratic caucus tomorrow night by the worst element of the party.

This element suddenly revealed itself to-day. It maists of members of the Canal Ring, all the chief lobbyists, the corrupt hangers-on about the Legislature and thievish members-elect of the Assembly. All these men have a common purpose to defeat the election of Mr. Chapin as Speaker. He is apparently the most objectionable man to them among the candidates. The opposition cannot be caused solely by his moral character, as there are other candidates for Speaker whose character is equally above reproach. It is, perhaps, explained best by a prominent Democratic politician who said: "There will inevitably be much disappointment among the Democratic members over their committee positions this year owing to their large majority. There are not enough good places to go around. Moreover there is a large corrupt element among the members. As the session proceeds ill-feeling constantly increases among nembers. What I foresee is that late in the session the corrupt members and the lobby will attempt to take advantage of all the accountlated disappointment and ill-feeting and wring the control of the Assembly from the hands of the Speaker. A man of indomitable courage, keen ability and with a backbone of iron is needed to make a stand against and conquer such an onset as that. I think Mr. Chapin is the only man among the candidates who has that character. That is the reason I am supporting him, aithough I think the character of the other candidates for Speaker is equally as

As has been stated, the members of the old Canal Ring, who, it was supposed, had been buried politcally beyond recovery by Mr. Tilden in 1875, have suddenly appeared here and are attempting to unite the members of the Assembly upon some can didate for Speaker other than Mr. Chapin, Chief among these men is Willard Johnson, of Oswego, whose exploits as a canal contractor the Erie Canal were described on detail in THE TRIBUNE in 1875. Now that the canals are to be free and are to be maintained at the expense of the State, Mr. Johnson may be looking for some fresh contracts. His chief hentenant seems to be Charles Daniels, another old canal contractor. They seem to be aided by every member of the lobby. It was an interesting spectacle to old politicians in the corridor of the Delavan House to-day to observe these men going rapidly from member to member urging them to oin in a combination against Mr. Chapin. Arguments were used supposed to be suitable to the member addressed. Some were told that Governor Cleveland was incensed that Mr. had suggested that some other candidate should be chosen. To others it was said that Mr. Chapin had resolved to give them good committee positions. Many were informed that all the patronage of the Assembly had already been parcelled out among Mr. Chapin's friends. Mr. Chapin's supporters, of course, withstood this enset as best they could. They denied vehemently that Governor Cleveland had said anything about the contest to-day, or that Mr. Chapin had made any arrangements about the committees.

Naturally the minor candidates for Speaker took courage. Mr. Benedict, whose legislative record is tainless as that of Mr. Chapin, and who bers among his supporters some of the men of highest character in the Assembly, appounced that he should stay in the race to the end. Parker, of Ulster County, the manager of Mr. Bene diet's canvass, expressed confidence in his friend's election. Mr. Parker thought that Mr. Chapin's supposed strength had been fictitious throughout, When the members were questioned, he said, it was discovered that many who had been supposed to be pledged to Mr. Chapin were not so pledged. thought that there would be a concentration of the opposition to Mr. Chapin on Mr. Benedict and that the latter would be elected. There would be several ballots in the Democratic caucus, he thought, ending in the election of Mr. Benedict. It is obvious that the managers of the opposition to Mr. Chapin are now attempting to get votes for Mr. Benedict, but it is suspected that they may try to transfer these votes afterward to Mr. Poucher, wh would please them better for Speaker. Postticians are of the opinion that the mass of Mr. Benedict's supporters cannot be transferred to Mr. Poucher; that they would prefer to vote rather for Mr.

Mr. Poucher, who almost concluded yesterday to Mr. Poucher, who almost concluded yesterday to withdraw as a candidate for Speaker, was a firm candidate to-day, fits friends assert that he will have a considerable support. Mr. Higgins, of Niagara County, who some time ago announced hamself as a candidate, on his arrival here yesterday withdrew from the contest. Mr. Haggerty, another of the candidates, has resolved to support Mr. Chapin. Erastus Brooks, another candidate, seems to have no support. It is hinted that the opposition may give their votes to him if in that way Mr. Chapin can be defeated. Politicians say that position may give their votes to min it in this way, Mr. Chappin can be defeated. Politicians say that the speakership contest is now practically a contest between Mr. Manning, the Chairman of the Dom-ocratic State Committee, who backs Mr. Chapin, and the "lobby." They predict that Mr. Manning

MR. LAMONT APPOINTED PRIVATE SECRETARY. Daniel S. Lamont, of Albany, was appointed pri vate secretary to Governor Cleveland to-might, Mr. Lamont was originally appointed military secretary by Mr. Cleveland, but it is now thought that the latter intended all the time to make Mr. Lamont the Chief Clerk of the Executive Department. Politically the appointment will be considered as indicating that Mr. Cleveland has formed an alliance with Samuel J. Tilden. Lamont for many years has been actually the secretary of the Tilden Democratic State Committee, although merely having the title of "Clerk." Some member of the committee had the honorary title of "Secretary," but Mr. Lamont did all the work. By his connection with the committee, year after year Mr. Lamont gained a large acquaintance with politicians than is possessed by any other Democrat in the State. He has a remarkable memory for faces and the particulars of a politician's life. As one to introduce politicians to Mr. Cleveland and inform him of their relative importance, Mr. Lamont will be of great

relative importance, Mr. Lamont will be of great value to Mr. Cleveland.

John Kelly, however, will have good reason to think that Mr. Triden has placed an agent very close to the throne of the reigning Democratic Governor. But Mr. Lamont will be of far more value to Mr. Cleveland as his secretary than as a politician. He learned how to work hard and with thoroughness as chief clerk of Secretary of State Bigelow. Since then as managing editor of The Albany Argus, he has labored unceasing to increase the prosperity of that pager. All

editor of The Albany Argus, he has labored unceasingly to increase the prosperity of that paper. All who may have dealings with the Executive during the next three years will also be glad to know that his private secretary is a man of integrity. It is a place of great temptations. A man of sturdy honesty was required and was secured for it.

Perhaps in consequence of Mr. Lamont's appointment, Mr. Kelly's representatives here are showing signs of robeliton. Edward Kearney, who especially represents Mr. Kelly, it is said, with attempt to hold the thirteen votes of the Tammany Assemblymen as a "balance of power" in the Assembly cancus to-morrow night. It is said that if none of the candidates has a majority on the first ballot Mr. Kearney will trade off the Tammany votes for committee positions to some of the candi-

GENERAL ALBANY NEWS.

APPOINTMENT OF PRIVATE OFFICERS. [GENERAL PRESS DISPATCH.]

ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- Governor-elect Cleveland has nade the following appointments for his office: Private secretary, Daniel S. Lamont; Executive clerk, Goodwin Brown; stenographer, Irving F. Cragin: messenger, Charles A. Earle. Mr. Lamont will also hold the position of military secretary on the Governor's military staff, without pay. Mr. Hill, the Lieutenant-Governor-elect, has made the following appointments: Clerk, John B. Locke; messenger, Harris A. Carrelle.

REPORT OF THE ADJUTANT-GENERAL. ALBANY, Dec. 31 .- The report of Adjutant-Seneral Townsend, which has been submitted to Gov-

ernor Cornell, states that the present force of the National Guard of the State consists-inclusive of general headquarters—of 11,608 men, a reduction from 12,495 during the year. The Attorney-General renews the recommendation in his last report that the now separate company material, exclusive of New-York and Brooklyn, be combined in regiments. The hope is expressed that the Legislature may soon pass an act providing the means and the method for the immediate supply of the service uniform, man in the Guard. Attention is called to the

which has been decided upon, to every enlisted man in the Guard. Attention is called to the fact that the rifles in use are of different calibre from those of the General Government, and the Adjutant-General thinks that in view of the cause of the divergence, "the General Government should, in common justice, adapt at its expense the State Remington rifles to the use of the army ammunition by the substitution of new barrels of the forty-five-hundred the calibre, or it should exchange the Remington for the same kind of rifles it supplies to its own troops, namely, the Spring-field rifles."

Much of the report is taken up with remarks on the work done last summer at the State Camp of Instruction near Peckskill. The situation of the eamp is described at length, and reference 3 made to the work that was necessary to make it ready tor occupation. The daily programme, the report says, was as a rule faithfully and loyally carried out, and the maneuvres and ceremonies "were for the most part creditably, and in some instances, as in the cases of the 224 and 234 regiments, most admirably executed." The result of the inspections utterly refuted the idea entertained by some, that the camp was \$81,253.73. This and the other expenses of the year were met leaving a balance on hand to the credit of the military appropriation for the year of \$77,635.28, as an addition to the final and the other expenses of the camp was \$81,253.73. This and the other expenses of the camp was \$81,253.73. This and the other expenses of the camp was \$81,253.73. This addition for the spense of the camp was \$81,253.73. This spense of the spense of the camp was \$81,253.73. This spense of the spense of the camp was \$81,253.73. This spense the field each day as hald down in the orders of insti-tion, god no organization should remain at the sch for a less period than eight days in any one year."

nate officers, and various statements. One of the most interesting of these is the report of Colonel Rodenbourg, at the Camp of Instruction. On this topic Colonel Re-

denbourg says:

The principal improvement noted was in matters of discipline, military courtery, guard duties, ecrementes and in field administration. The tour of duty, short as it was, tested commanding officers, Adjutants, Quarter masters, Sergeant-Majors and First Sergeants. The opportunity was a goiden one, for all non-commissioned oill-cers and those who were brought in official contact with Colonel Phisterer, A. A. A. G. and Post Adjutant, gained invaluable information as to their duties. The edvice of this officer was of great benefit to all the Adjutants and to many of the commanding officers.

Some defects noticed, which were not materially corrected in camp, are as follows:
Individual set-up of a large proportion of the ment short, slow step acquired in the armory; inability to elean the arms and brasses thoroughly: marching men too much at the "carry;" in certain regiments, heretofore specified, there was a noticeable lack of competent officers; in shere was a noticeable lack of competent officers; in shere was a noticeable lack of competent officers; in shere was a noticeable lack of competent officers; in shere was too short; in many cases time was wasted in the "calono of the soldier" over things which should have been learned in the armory.

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The experience gained in the camp at Peckskill has confirmed my opinion, expressed in previous reports, that a camp of instruction cannot produce results adequate to the trouble and expense without a permanent commanding officer and corps of instructors, with two or more organizations encamped together for at least ten days. The benefit of mixing commands was illustrated almost instantaneously in the combination of the 8th

BUSINESS STATISTICS OF BOSTON.

Boston, December 31,-To November 30, 1882, the clearances from this port of vessels in the 260,955, and 2,077 foreign, with a tonnage of 883,546, an increase of 36 American and a decrease of 386 foreign vessels. The total arrivals of American vessels were 582, and of fereign 2,163. These included I American and 277 foreign steamers.

The total value of imports at this port for 51 weeks in 1882 was \$71,384,037, an increase of \$8,438,757. The value of exports for the same period was \$56,356,658, a decrease of \$13,198,930.

The failures in tels oity for the year were 107, the habilities amounting to \$0,064,450, and the assets to \$55,550,059. \$5,850,095.
The loss by fires to November 30 was \$326,441, with insurance amounting to \$4,942,821.

PAYMENT OF TAX WANTED.

St. Albans, Vt., Dec. 31 .- On Saturday the town and village of St. Albans served upon the National Car Company, which has its principal place of business nere, a petition addressed to the Supreme Court of Ver iont praying for a peremptory writ of mandamus, com nanding the company to pay forthwith the tax assesses upon \$667,890 worth of their stock held by non-residents of the State, and subject to taxation under the law passed in 1880. The company have heretofore declined to pay. There is \$3,339 due the town, \$5,348 due the village, and about \$3,700 of State, county and school taxes due on this stock. The petition is returnable February 199

A MURDERER HANGED.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 31 .- In October, 1881, two vagrants entered the Utah and Northern Railroad station at Franklin, Idaho, and pointing a Railroad station at Frankini, idade, and pointing cecked pistol at Agent Hinckley, demanded the combination of the safe. The pistol went off and killed Hinckley. The vagrants fled, but were soon caught, aw Michael Mooney, the one who held the pistol, wa hanged at Malad last Friday. He die! game, the remased to disclose anything respecting himself, his family or life. It was claimed that the pistol went off by accident and that they did not intend to kill Hinckley.

FAILURE OF A FARMER.

Ballston, N. Y., Dec. 31,-James P. Smith. farmer of South Bailston, made an assignment yester day to Henry Harrison, of Ballston. Mr. Smith was reputed to be worth \$75,000 and he owes about \$20,000 above his assets.

KILLED BY A LOCOMOTIVE. JAMESTOWN, N. Y., Dec. 31 .- George Hall, of Randolph, was killed by an engine on the Erie Railtoad at Salamanca on Saturday night. He was a ma-chinist by trade and was married.

THREE CHINAMEN KILLED. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31 .- This morning, near Mecksville, Mont., three Chinamen were instantly killed and three others seriously wounded by the explo-sion of a quantity of giant powder, which was being thawed out.

RUN OVER AND KILLED.

WILKESBARRE, Penn., Dec. 31 .- John Craw. a fireman at the Hartford breaker in Ashley, fell from a mptive last evening and was run over and instantly

COVERED BY INSURANCE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31 .- A fire this morning in the house-furnishing department of S. Guy Sea's estab-lishment, in Wabsah-ave., caused a loss of \$20,000; fully A NEW PILOT-BOAT LAUNCHED.

Boston, Dec. 31 .- The new pilot-boat George

H. Warren, Captain J. H. Jeffery, was launched to day at North Weymouth and towed to this port.

MR. SHILLABER'S CONDITION. Boston, Dec. 31 .- Reports from Chelsea state that the condition of Benjamin P. Shillaber (Mrs. Partington) is improving.